Application Serial No. 10/713,808 Amdt. Dated December 15, 2006

Reply to Final Office Action of September 15, 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re application of:

Dave S. B. Hoon et al. Serial No.: 10/713,808

Confirmation No.: 4483

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For: DETECTION OF MICROMETASTASIS
OF MELANOMA AND BREAST

CANCER IN PARAFFIN-EMBEDDED TUMOR DRAINING LYMPH NODES BY MULTIMARKER QUANTITATIVE

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Art Unit: 1642

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 15, 2006 ("Office Action"), please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.